IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Original) Backing plate (11) for a disk assembly (L) of a force transmitting aggregate, in particular a wet multi-disk clutch (1) or a wet multi-disk brake,

- wherein the backing plate (11) is essentially ring shaped and is

thereby characterized, that

- an essentially ring shaped core plate (10) and an essentially ring shaped backing shell (9) are provided,
- wherein the core plate (10) and the backing shell (9) are provided with flat surfaces adjacent to each other and the backing shell (9) exhibits a circumscribing (annular) (U_I, U_A) profiling (P).

2. (Original) Backing plate (11) according to Claim 1, thereby characterized, that the core plate (10) is a disk of conventional shape.

3. (Amended) Backing plate (11) according to Claim 1 ~~or 2~~, thereby characterized, that the core plate (10) carries a friction lining (10a) on its surface opposite the backing shell (9).

4. (Amended) Backing plate (11) according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1, thereby characterized, that the backing shell is in the form of a disk (9).

5. (Amended) Backing plate (11) according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1, thereby characterized, that the backing shell (9) is produced by turning or machining, or is a stamped or deep-drawn part.

6. (Amended) Backing plate (11) according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1, thereby characterized, that the profiling is a circumscribing groove (P).

7. (Original) Backing plate (11) according to Claim 6, thereby characterized, that the groove (P) exhibits an essentially U-shaped or V-shaped cross-section.

8. (Amended) Backing plate (11) according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1, thereby characterized, that the backing plate (9) exhibits external teething (Z1, Z2, Z3), internal teething, or no teething.

9. (Amended) Backing plate (11) according to Claim 8, thereby characterized, that in the case of external teething (Z1, Z2, Z3) the profiling (P) is provided in the area of inner circumference (U_I) of the backing shell (9), and in the case of ~~inner~~ internal teething, is provided in the area of the outer circumference (U_A) of the backing shell (9).

10. (Amended) Backing plate (11) according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1, thereby characterized, that the relationship of the total thickness (Y_E) of the backing shell (9) to the sheet metal thickness (Y_T) of the core plate (10) is preferably 2

plate (10) corresponds essentially to the thickness of the disks (6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 16.1, 16.2, 16.3, 16.4, 15.1, 15.2, 15.3) of the multi-disk clutch (L).

11. (Amended) Backing shell (9) for a backing plate (11) of a multi-disk assembly (L) of a force transmitting aggregate, in particular a multi-disk wet clutch (10) or a multi-disk wet brake according ~~to one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1.

12. (Amended) Force transmitting aggregate, in particular multi-disk wet clutch (1) or wet multi-disk brake, with a backing plate (11) according to ~~one of Claims 1-10~~ Claim 1.